TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER /NOVEMBER 2002

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

The Titusville Water Department held an open house Wednesday, October 23. TARC members in attendance were given a special tour by Randy, KF4UDO.

It pleases me to report the lighting at the Jaycee's building has been greatly enhanced. I give recognition to a super work crew who donated three full days installing the 8 ft. florescent ceiling lamps. Many thanks to the professional electrical wiring performed by Bob Husband K4WSJ. Assisting Bob in the 3 days of hard labor were Joe KF4GPF and Bob N6USP whose idea it was to replace the lights. Additional help came from Les K4SJC, Ken KD4HNW and Stephanie K4MVO. In addition to her inside assistance Stephanie swept and cleaned the south side of the building. Thanks to Sherry KU4ZO and Mrs. Bob Husband for feeding the crew.

The time is near for us to elect the TARC officers and board members for the upcoming calendar year 2003. Any one who would like to serve your club in the capacity of officer needs to come to the club meeting and let it be known and someone will be sure to nominate you. Normally a nominating committee would submit their slate of candidates to the club but the person who was in charge of that committee has resigned.. Any member who wishes to serve in any capacity may be nominated from the floor at the November 26 election.

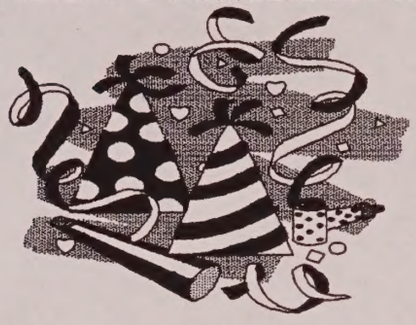
We are delighted to have Judy N2JY and Art KC2ENO back with us. They have been in New York taking care of their business interest. This time of year is when many of our friends will be returning to this area from their second home in other parts of the country. We are so pleased to have them in our midst.

Just as a reminder we have TARC sponsored nets as follows:
Sunday 6AM: Red Eye Net on 7.228MHz.
Monday 10AM: Traders Net on 146.91MHz
Tuesday 6:30PM: Friendship Net on 146.91 MHz
Wednesday 7PM: Mosquito Net on 28.333 MHz
Thursday 10AM: VIP Net on 146.91 MHz
Great news guys! Carole Ann KC4VIN is taking her Mosquito Net back. She will be on it in 2 weeks.

On to another form of communication. If you haven't tried it, please do. It's Echolink. You can talk to the world on the internet. The quality is great and of course you do have to be a ham. Just go to echolink.org and download the free software. If you have any problems, just give me a call.

Come to the Village Inn on Thursday evenings at 6 PM and join us for our social 'eating meeting'. Best wishes to all. Bud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

OCT. 4 KF4AOW W. S. DAMPIER
OCT. 10 KF4ZOK SUSAN HAHNE
OCT. 11 WB4ZWI JAY JOHNSON
OCT. 13 AF4DP BERNIE FLANAGAN
OCT. 16 AC4WM MITCH MATHENY
OCT. 16 N4IPJ MACHAEL FINEMAN
OCT. 18 N4MCZ ROD IWAN
OCT. 23 KF4IGK GRANT HAHNE
OCT. 24 AC4JX DAVID CREASMAN
OCT. 25 K4KON BRUCE HOOVER
OCT. 26 N9FAB LORRAINE TENDICK
OCT. 27 WA3FKC ED SUMMERSETT
OCT. 29 W1IIA WALT HART
NOV. 1 KE4BBK ORA PROSSER
NOV. 1 M2USO MARIE GENCORELLI
NOV. 11 W5RAQ RON RICHARDSON
NOV. 16 KA9IFK HELEN KNOPP
NOV. 21 KF4VAK MARY TYNER
NOV. 22 AE4LE RALPH HALL
NOV. 24 KD4YIX VINCENT ALVAREZ II
NOV. 25 AA4HP HANK PHILLIPS
NOV. 26 KC4HIO RICHARD SWEATT
NOV. 26 KD4HNW KEN DENMAN
NOV. 28 KA4NHW CLAYTON BENNETT

THE BEST (MY OPINION) OF THE INTERNET

We all get our share of "things" in our e-mail. Most of them are not worth spending the time reading. Or you've already received them 10 times. But once in a great while, some really good ones come through. I would like to share with you three that tickled my fancy. Becky

PHILOSOPHY TO LIVE BY

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous - yes.

The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and proceeded to pour their entire contents into the jar - effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided. "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things - your family, your partner, your health, and your children - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time

and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal.

"Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented.

The professor smiled, I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers.

WHY ARE WE SO TIRED?

We're tired because we're overworked. Here's why:

The population of this country is 273 million. 140 million are retired. That leaves 133 million to do the work.

There are 85 million in school. That leaves 48 million to do the work.

Of this there are 29 million employed by the federal government, leaving 19 million to do the work.

2.8 million are in the armed forces. This leaves 16.2 million to do the work.

Take from the total the 14,800,000 who work for state and city governments and that leaves 1.4 million to do the work.

At any given time there are 188,000 people in hospitals, leaving 1,212,000 to do the work.

Now there are 1,211,998 people in prisons. That leaves just two people to do all the work.

You and me.

And you're sitting on your behind, at your computer, reading jokes!

FORGETTER

My forgetter's getting better,
But my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny
But to me, that is no joke

For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,
Say "What am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
A zero is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, "Who was that?"

Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.

GOOD READING FROM WEST VIRGINIA

Jim Meeks, N4ZNQ who is from WV and still receives the West Virginia Hillbilly paper, gave me the following stories for use in the club newsletter. Hope you enjoy them as much as I did.

Good Luck Mr. Gorsky

On July 20, 1969, as commander of the Apollo II Lunar Module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words after stepping on the moon, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind, " were televised to Earth and heard by millions.

But just before he re-entered the lander, he made the enigmatic remark: "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky."

Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs.

Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what the "Good luck Mr. Gorsky" statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled.

On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26 year old question to Armstrong. This time he finally responded. Mr. Gorsky had died and so Neil Armstrong felt he could answer the question.

In 1938 when he was a kid in a small Midwest town, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit a fly ball, which landed in his neighbor's yard by the bedroom windows. His neighbors were Mr. And Mrs. Gorsky.

As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky. "Sex. You want sex? You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!"

This is a true story.

EVERY STORY HAS TWO SIDES

Here is the lost chapter in Genesis. Adam was walking around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely, so God asked him, "What is wrong with you?"

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to. God said that He was going to make Adam a companion and that it would be a woman.

He said, "This person will gather food for you, cook for you, and when you discover clothing she'll wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them.

She will not nag you and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it.

Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?"

God replied, "An arm and a leg."

Then Adam asked, "What can I get for a rib?"

The rest is history.

TOP 10 REASONS WHY GOD CREATED EVE

God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.

God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.

God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.

God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor's, dentist's or haircut appointment by himself.

God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb.

God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.

As the Keeper of the Garden, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.

Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.

As the Bible says, It is not good for man to be alone."

And finally, the #1 reason why God created Eve....
When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched his head, and said, "I can do better than that."

15 SAYINGS THAT SHOULD BE OFFICE INSPIRATIONAL POSTERS

Rome did not create a great empire by having meetings; they did it by killing all those who opposed them.

If you can stay calm, while all around you is chaos...then you probably haven't completely understood the seriousness of the situation.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

Doing a job RIGHT the first time gets the job done. Doing the job WRONG fourteen times gives you job security.

Artificial Intelligence is no match for Natural Stupidity.

A person who smiles in the face of adversity...probably has a scapegoat.

Plagiarism saves time.

TEAMWORK...means never having to take all the blame yourself.

The beatings will continue until morale improves.

We waste time so you don't have to.

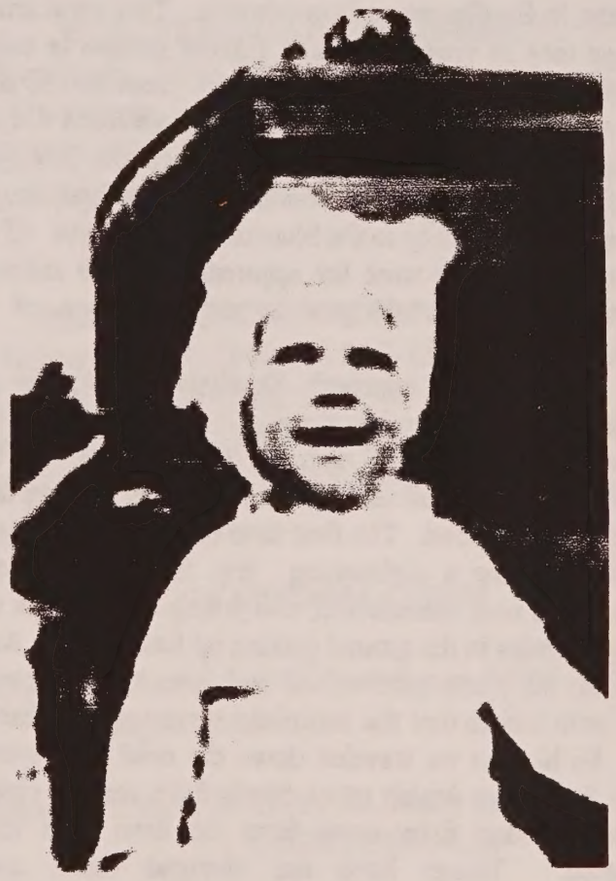
Go the extra mile. It makes your boss look like an incompetent slacker.

INDECISION is the key to FLEXIBILITY.

Succeed in spite of management.

Aim low - Reach your goals - Avoid disappointment.

THIS MONTH'S MYSTERY MEMBER



LAST LETTER'S MYSTERY MEMBER WAS
KE4ZPA - JOHN RENNINGER

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike Abell W4EPU

In the aftermath of the 9/11/02 first anniversary commemoration of the 9/11/02 'Attack on America' I have been searching for an appropriate anecdote for this occasion. Jerry, N3EMZ, one of my retired former fellow workers, came to my rescue. He lives in Mt. Pleasant, PA not far from Shanksville. In an e-mail letter to a group of his/our former fellow colleagues, Jerry gives us a description of the area at and around the Flight #93 crash site in a way which no one else ever has. I shall now share with you Jerry's letter, with his permission, of course, as follows:

"Last week my wife Patty and I revisited the crash site of Flight #93 near Shanksville, Somerset County, in Southwestern Pennsylvania. That rural area is always nice to visit. The now Hallow ground is such a beautiful place. Getting to Shanksville from two or three side roads just east of Somerset off of State Road #31 is a pleasant drive. When you begin to see the five giant "Green Mountain Energy" windmills on the horizon, you are in close proximity to the Shanksville crash site. (If one continues to drive west for approximately 30 miles on Route 31, it will take you to my hometown of Mt. Pleasant.)

"As you approach Shanksville from the side roads, occasional caution signs of a Pennsylvania Dutch "Horse and Buggy" will alert the driver. There will be a good chance you will see a horse and buggy trotting down an old country road. The first time (about 15 years ago) I took Patty for a sightseeing trip through the Laurel Mountains near Shanksville, two young Amish girls were digging holes in the ground putting up fence posts. As we passed, the pretty girls waved and gave me a big smile. My wife insists that the smile and wave were for both of us. Hi hi. As we traveled down the road their parents, also dressed in Amish attire, blocked the road in order to transport their dairy cows from the barn back to the pasture. Things have not changed much around Shanksville.

"As you are aware, the plane crashed into the ground with such force, that fifty percent of it was never recovered.

"Although understandably solemn, it is a nice place to visit. The open field where the plane went down is such a serene area amongst rolling hills, forests, and fertile farmland that seems to open up its arms to welcome you. For someone who could not pick his own gravesite, fate picked one of the finest resting places this side of Heaven. It is well worth your time to stop there.

"Incidentally, the Quecreek Coal Mine, where the nine miners were recently trapped for several days, then rescued is approximately ten miles or so from Shanksville, so while you are there you can visit both sites during one trip.

"There is currently a make shift memorial at the crash site with deposits of memorabilia from many different people from around the country and the world.

"Not far from the crash site is (or was) an old deserted church. A Catholic priest from Somerset acquired the vacant building and decided to make it a multi denominational religious chapel for people to stop in to worship and say a prayer for the crash victims and their families. He began to fix it up by himself, but since then local businesses and people began to help him with time, money and materials.

"That will have to make you feel good and proud to be an American."

"With warm regards - Jerry"

KIDS TALK TO GOD

Dear God:

Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that, or was it an accident?

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool!

You don't have to worry about me - I always look both ways.

Who draws the lines around the countries?

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

I bet it is hard for You to love everybody. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.

I think the stapler is one of your greatest inventions.

Are you really invisible or is it just a trick.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES
By Becky KF4Htb

September was the annual pot luck dinner. Words cannot do justice to describe how delicious the food was.

OCTOBER MINUTES

After the usual opening ceremonies, There was a lengthy discussion about the lights that were repaired in the Jaycee building by Bud K4CWG, Joe KG4GPF, Bob N6USP, Les K4SJC, Ken KD4HNW, Stephanie K4MVO, Sherry KU4ZO and Mrs. Bob Husband Everyone agreed that the new lights were a great improvement. The discussion was about how to pay for them. A motion was made that TARC reimburse Bud, K4CWG. During the discussion, suggestions were made on how to raise the money to pay for the lights and additional work that needs doing on the building. When there seemed to be no conclusion, the motion was tabled until the next meeting. Several club members made donations to the fund. A total of $136.00 was donated.

DON'T FORGET
THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHERE: KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS

WHEN: DECEMBER 15
TIME: 6pm

PRICE: $10.00 PER PERSON (complete meal with drink & dessert)

GIFT: YES - Bring a $5.00 one

TICKETS: Call or email Sherry

TREASURERS REPORT
By Becky Lee, KF4HTB

Balance forward from 2001	$4574.11
Deposits Year to Date	2962.59
TOTAL INCOME	**$7536.70**
Expenditures	5334.11
BALANCE AS AT 10/31/02	**$2202.59**

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CLUB INFORMATION

Meetings: Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 7 PM at the Jaycee Building

Newsletter Editors: KF4HTB Becky Lee
K4EOS Clyde Lee

Nets: **Red Eye**-Sundays 6AM-7AM 7.165 MHz
Traders-Mondays at 10AM 146.910
Friendship-Tuesdays at 6:30PM on 146.9
Mosquito-Wednesdays at 7PM 28.333
VIP- Thursdays at 10AM on 146.91

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 183 (127 regular, 42 family, 10 honorary, 4 other)

NEW MEMBERS:
KD4UWV RICHARD STANTON JR
KE4QSY RAQUEL STANTON
KA4WIQ JOHN PHILLIPS JR.

RENEWALS:
W4AHM ALAN MARSDEN
KD4ITY NANCY MARSDEN
KF4DTC ABBIE MARSDEN
KF4LUA GWEN COLVIN
KG8AV VIRGIL BERCHFIELD
WD4EBA PAUL BERNHARDT
KG4KBO CONSTANCE BERNHARDT
N9EZV KEN TENDICK
N9FAB ELAINE TENDICK
KF4FNZ RICK WATSON
WY1K MICHAEL WHELPLEY
W4LAC JASON RUDISILL
K04NQ FRENCH POULIN
WB4PXO JAMES MORGAN
W4RBI GARY JOHNSON
WB4ZMI JOHANNA JOHNSO

HAMFESTS: 12/7-8 Tampa Bay